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In re: application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2006, in the above-identified application, Applicants elect for examination claim group I drawn to a method for producing xanthan polymer. This response is being filed on January 12, 2007, along with request for a three-month extension of time.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims. A complete listing of the claims and their current status begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.